Demands of container train operators

1928. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the container train operators have made certain demands to the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The demands of container train operators are being taken care of to the extent possible under a Model Concession Agreement which is being finalized in consultation with them.

Extension of trains

†1929. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to extend trains No. 193 Jaipur-Kota-Shyamgarh upto Nagda, Ratlam; train No. 151/152 Mathura-Bayana-Sawai Madhopur upto Kota and Lucknow-Mathura passenger train upto Kota-Chittorgarh-Udaipur city; and

(b) by when the recommendations of Kota railway administration to run a new train between Kota-Jaipur-Kota would be accorded sanction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 1469/1470 Jabalpur-Kota Express has been extended upto Jaipur from 1.7.2006. However, introduction of another train between Kota-Jaipur has not been found feasible at present.

Over bridge at Gonda

†1930. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether level crossing number 260 special has been closed down

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by Railways after the construction of an over bridge at Gonda as a result of which common people are suffering;

(b) whether the level crossing is still open for public despite construction of over bridges at Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Bareilly districts, etc.;

(c) whether there is any plan to open railway level crossing number 260 special at Gonda too; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. The level crossing No. 260 Special has been closed by the Railways with the consent of the State Government on Commissioning of Road Over Bridge built on cost sharing basis with the State Government in lieu of the level crossing. The level crossing has been closed in compliance of the terms and conditions laid down for construction of Road Over/under Bridges on cost sharing basis.

(b) Yes, Sir. At few locations level crossings could not be closed due to non-implementation of terms of agreement by State Government Authorities.

(c) No, Sir. Railway has no such plans.

(d) The Road Over Bridge in lieu of the Level Crossing No. 260 Special was sanctioned by Railways on cost sharing basis after assurance of the State Government that the Level crossing will be closed after commissioning of the Road Over Bridge. This is as per Standard Terms of agreement.

Broad gauge conversion in Uttar Pradesh

†1931. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has sanctioned the conversion of Sitapur, Lakhimpur, Pilibhit, Bareilly meter gauge into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the date on which work on these lines would commence and the amount sanctioned for the same;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and impediments in the said work and whether the Railway Board would remove such impediments; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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